

an Act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, approved February 1, 1856, and to provide for the proof and verification of the same."

The bill was read a second time, and ordered engrossed.

Senator Greer moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered engrossed.

Reconsidered.

By Senator Greer:

"Amend the caption, line 6, page 1, by striking out the words 'two thousand' and insert in lieu thereof 'twenty-five hundred,' and amend further, line 14, page 1, by striking out 'two thousand' where it occurs and insert 'two thousand five hundred,' and strike out the figures '\$2000.00,' same line, and insert in lieu thereof '\$2500.00.'"

By Senator Odell:

Substitute the amendment as follows:

"Amend by striking out '\$2000, where it occurs in Section 1, line 14, and inserting '\$56,113.27,' and by striking out '\$2000' in line 6, page 1, and inserting in lieu thereof '\$56,113.27.'"

Pending action, on motion of Senator Linn, the Senate adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

FORTY-FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Wednesday, March 8, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the Chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

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| Atlee. | Lloyd. |
| Burns. | McGee. |
| Davidson. | Miller. |
| Dibrell. | Neal. |
| Goss. | Odell. |
| Gough. | Patterson. |
| Greer. | Potter. |
| Grinnan. | Ross. |
| Hanger. | Sebastian. |
| James. | Stafford. |
| Johnson. | Terrell. |
| Kerr. | Turney. |
| Lewis. | Wayland. |
| Linn. | Yett. |

Absent.

Morriss. Yantis.
Stone.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denson.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Greer, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Stafford, Assistant Journal Clerk T. H. Napier was excused for Monday and Tuesday of this week on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Gough, Senator Yantis was excused for today, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Atlee, Senator Stone was excused for today, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Sebastian, Senator Johnson was excused for non-attendance on Monday last, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Gough, Senator Goss was excused for today and the remainder of the week, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Potter, Assistant Engrossing Clerk J. K. P. Shirley was excused for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Ross, Senator Morriss was excused indefinitely on account of sickness in his family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 8, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Substitute Senate bill No. 17, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1011, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to compensation for clerks of the several courts of civil appeals, fixing their fees and charges, providing for reports and fixing penalties for their failure to make same,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 7, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 145, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of a State normal school, to be located at Denton, Texas, and to be known as the North Texas State Normal College,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 8, 1899.
Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 214, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the lease of any railroads connecting at the State line not exceeding thirty miles in length by any railroad company so connecting with same,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 3, 1899.
Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 77, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of cocaine, opium and other poisons,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 7, 1899.
Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 228, being a bill to be entitled "An Act ratifying and confirming an ordinance passed by the city council of the city of Galveston on the 4th day of February, 1899, entitled 'An ordinance abandoning, discontinuing and closing certain streets, avenues and alleys of the city of Galveston, and authorizing and empowering Collis P. Huntington, his heirs or assigns perpetually to construct and maintain piers on the shores of Galveston bay within the corporate limits of the city of Galveston upon certain specified conditions,' and conditionally relinquishing any claim the State of Texas may have to a part of the property therein described,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

LINN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 8, 1899.
Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 65, being a bill to be

entitled "An Act making appropriations for support of the State government for the years beginning September 1, 1899, and ending August 31, 1901, and for other purposes,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report back to the Senate that the substitute bill by the committee *do pass*.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
DIBRELL, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, the substitute bill was ordered *not* printed in the Journal.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Burns:

Senate bill No. 229, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 54, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, the same being an act entitled 'An Act to amend Article 2601, Chapter 6, Title LI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to bonds of guardians and sureties thereon,' so as to authorize the giving of such bonds by companies organized in other States, and authorized to do business in this State, and to validate bonds of guardians heretofore given in this State by companies organized under the laws of other States."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Burns:

Senate bill No. 230, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize admission to record and evidence in the courts of this State or duly certified copies of all deeds and other instruments of conveyances of land which have been duly registered or recorded in other States, but which the laws of such States require to be retained in the deed or notarial archives of such States, and to give such instruments like effect, as notice and proof, as is given by deeds executed in this State, and to declare an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Patterson:

Senate bill No. 231, A bill to be entitled "An Act to allow, authorize and permit any payor or obligor who owes any purchase money or other lien or note secured by real estate to pay the taxes in full upon such real estate so securing any debt, and to charge the owner or holder of any such note or lien upon any such real estate for the pro rata part of the taxes due the State and county where such real estate is situated according to the value of such real estate assessed by the county assessor or board of equalization for each year that said note or

other lien remains unpaid; and to allow said debtor, payor or obligor on any such note or other lien so secured by real estate a valid and bona fide claim, credit and offset against such note or lien for the full sum that he may have paid such taxes as were due and payable by law upon said note or other lien."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Greer (by request):

Senate bill No. 233, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 23, of 'An Act to fix certain civil fees to be charged by certain county and precinct officers, and to fix and limit the fees and compensation of the clerks of the district courts, district attorneys, county attorneys, sheriffs and constables in felony cases, to be paid by the State, and to fix the compensation of assessors and collectors of taxes, and to limit and regulate the compensation of assessors and collectors of taxes, and to limit and regulate the compensation of the sheriff, clerk of the county court, county judge, district and county attorney, clerk of the district court, assessor and collector of taxes, justices of the peace and constables; and to prescribe penalties for the violations of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith,' approved June 16, 1897, so as to fix and limit the compensation of clerks of the county courts for certain services."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Greer:

Senate bill No. 232, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the purpose of repaying and restoring to the United State government an excess of money that was, under mistake, paid to the State of Texas in the payment of a balance due this State under an Act of Congress approved February 28, 1855."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

By Senator Johnson:

Senate bill No. 234, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 166 and Article 170, Chapter 2, Title IX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on State Asylums.

Call concluded.

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 77, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for a special road law for Denton county, Texas, to em-

power the commissioners of said county with special authority to act as road commissioners for said county, with power to purchase teams and tools for said work, to summon any one subject to road duty; also providing for penalty for failure to work; also providing for working upon public roads those who have not paid poll tax, with penalty for failure to work; also providing for amount that may be paid by each tax-payer in lieu of work, also compensation for commissioners when engaged in this duty."

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Terrell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

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| Burns. | Lloyd. |
| Davidson. | McGee. |
| Dibrell. | Odell. |
| Gough. | Patterson. |
| Greer. | Potter. |
| Grinnan. | Ross. |
| Hanger. | Sebastian. |
| James. | Stafford. |
| Johnson. | Terrell. |
| Kerr. | Wayland. |
| Linn. | Yett. |

Absent.

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| Atlee. | Neal. |
| Lewis. | Turney. |
| Miller. | |

Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

The bill was read a third time, and passed.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 107, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3909a, Title LXXXVI, Chapter 7, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, relating to the course of study taught in the public schools of Texas, so as to hereafter read as follows."

The bill was read (in full at request of Senator Dibrell) a second time.

By Senator Greer:

"Amend by striking out in line 25, page 1, the following, 'a system of humane treatment of animals.'"

Pending action.

On motion of Senator Gough, further consideration was postponed to Wednesday of next week.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 133, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Section 12, of Article 22, Title IV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, changing the time of holding District Court in Trinity county."

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 146, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix a time for holding the courts in the Forty-sixth Judicial District, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith."

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 167, A bill to be entitled "An Act to change the times of holding courts in the Fifty-fourth Judicial District."

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 173, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Parker county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts upon the roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees, and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and authorizing the working of county convicts partly upon the county convict farm, as well as upon the public roads, or partly upon both, in the discretion of the commissioners court, and making provision of act applicable as far as practicable, to convicts when worked on county farms, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance of time of road service for same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act as to Parker county, and to authorize the commissioners court of Parker county to create the office of superintendent of public roads and highways for Parker county and to provide for the election of said superintendent, and defining his duties, and providing for compensation for said superintendent, when elected, and prescribing bond to be given by said officer; providing for the condemnation of any land needed for the widening, straightening, changing or draining of roads; providing for the taking of timber, gravel, earth, stone or other necessary material for the improve-

ment of roads, and giving persons summoned to work upon roads the right to be relieved from the discharge of such duty on the payment of specific sums of money herein stipulated; providing for the collection of such sums of money by road overseers, and prescribing penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of this act,"

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Hanger, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

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| Atlee. | McGee. |
| Burns. | Miller. |
| Davidson. | Neal. |
| Dibrell. | Odell. |
| Gough. | Patterson. |
| Greer. | Potter. |
| Grinnan. | Ross. |
| Hanger. | Sebastian. |
| James. | Stafford. |
| Johnson. | Terrell. |
| Kerr. | Turney. |
| Linn. | Wayland. |
| Lloyd. | Yett. |

Absent.

Lewis.

Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

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| Atlee. | Miller. |
| Davidson. | Neal. |
| Dibrell. | Odell. |
| Gough. | Patterson. |
| Greer. | Potter. |
| Grinnan. | Ross. |
| Hanger. | Sebastian. |
| James. | Stafford. |
| Johnson. | Terrell. |
| Kerr. | Turney. |
| Linn. | Wayland. |
| Lloyd. | Yett. |
| McGee. | |

Nays—1.

Burns.

Absent.

Lewis.

Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

Senator Hanger moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Substitute House bill No. 196, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3953, Chapter 11, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

The bill was read (in full at the request of Senator Wayland) a second time.

By Senator Terrell:

"Amend by adding to the caption after the word 'therewith' the following, 'relating to the election of school trustees.'"

Adopted.

Bill as amended passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Terrell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

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| Atlee. | Miller. |
| Burns. | Neal. |
| Davidson. | Odell. |
| Dibrell. | Patterson. |
| Gough. | Potter. |
| Greer. | Ross. |
| Hanger. | Sebastian. |
| James. | Stafford. |
| Johnson. | Terrell. |
| Kerr. | Turney. |
| Linn. | Wayland. |
| McGee. | Yett. |

Nays—1.

Lloyd.

Present—Not voting.

Grinnan.

Absent.

Lewis.

Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

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| Atlee. | Kerr. |
| Burns. | Lewis. |
| Davidson. | Miller. |
| Dibrell. | Neal. |
| Gough. | Odell. |
| Greer. | Potter. |
| Grinnan. | Ross. |
| Hanger. | Sebastian. |
| James. | Stafford. |
| Johnson. | Terrell. |
| McGee. | Turney. |

Nays—1.

Lloyd.

Absent.

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| Yett. | Linn. |
| Wayland. | Patterson. |

Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 249, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1012, Title XXVII, Chapter 14, Revised Statutes of 1895, relating to the employment of stenographers by the Courts of Civil Appeals."

Bill read second time, with committee amendment.

Committee amendment, to wit:

"Amend by striking out the words: 'And provided, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to discriminate between the sexes in the matter of wages.'"

Adopted.

The bill as amended was passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Potter, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

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| Atlee. | Lloyd. |
| Burns. | McGee. |
| Davidson. | Neal. |
| Dibrell. | Odell. |
| Gough. | Potter. |
| Greer. | Ross. |
| Grinnan. | Sebastian. |
| Hanger. | Stafford. |
| James. | Terrell. |
| Johnson. | Turney. |
| Kerr. | Wayland. |
| Linn. | Yett. |

Nays—1.

Miller.

Present—Not voting.

Patterson.

Absent.

Lewis.

Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

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| Burns. | James. |
| Davidson. | Kerr. |
| Dibrell. | Linn. |
| Gough. | Lloyd. |
| Greer. | McGee. |
| Grinnan. | Neal. |

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| Odell. | Terrell. |
| Patterson. | Turney. |
| Potter. | Wayland. |
| Ross. | Yett. |
| Stafford. | |

Nays—5.

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| Atlee. | Miller. |
| Hanger. | Sebastian. |
| Johnson. | |

Absent.

Lewis.

Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Substitute House bill No. 265, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title LII, Chapter 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted in 1895, by adding thereto Article 2904a and Article 2904b, and Article 2905a, providing for the appointment by the Attorney-General of this State of a First Office Assistant Attorney-General, a Second Office Assistant Attorney-General, and a Third Office Assistant Attorney-General, and prescribing the duties and fixing the salaries of the same, and requiring said officers to execute a bond, and to amend Article 2905, of Title LII, Chapter 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted in 1895, and declaring an emergency," action being on Senator Turney's motion to reconsider the vote by which the enacting clause was heretofore stricken out, and to table same, the motion to table having been voted down, action now was on the motion to reconsider.

The Senate refused to reconsider the vote by which the enacting clause was stricken out by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

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| Atlee. | Neal. |
| Burns. | Odell. |
| Davidson. | Potter. |
| Greer. | Ross. |
| McGee. | Stafford. |
| Miller. | Terrell. |

Nays—14.

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| Dibrell. | Linn. |
| Gough. | Lloyd. |
| Grinnan. | Patterson. |
| Hanger. | Sebastian. |
| James. | Turney. |
| Johnson. | Wayland. |
| Kerr. | Yett. |

Absent.

Lewis.

Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 338, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Robertson county, Texas, and making county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and providing for the appointment of deputy road commissioners, and defining the powers and duties of such county commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers and defining their duties, and for working of county convicts upon the public roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and to provide for the manner of training hedges along any public road, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance of time of road service for same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

The bill was read a second time.

By Senator Wayland:

"Amend House bill No. 338, page 8, Section 14, line 4, by adding after the word 'work' the following, 'date of same.'"

"Amend page 8, Section 14, line 7, by striking out the word 'county' and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'road.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Wayland:

"Amend House bill No. 338, page 3, Section 3, line 3, by adding after the word 'county' the following: 'Should they deem it necessary;' strike out in line 4, page 3, Section 3, the words 'not otherwise employed.'"

Adopted.

The bill as amended was passed to a third reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 400, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting permission to B. F. Gohlson and J. W. Benson, or their assigns, to bring suit against the State of Texas in the District Court of Lampasas county to ascertain the amount, if any, is due them for services rendered the State as rangers or soldiers."

The bill was read (in full at request of Senator Dibrell) a second time.

By Senator Dibrell:

"Amend the bill by striking out the word 'Lampasas' where it occurs in the bill, and insert in lieu thereof the word 'Travis' in the bill."

Adopted.

The bill as amended was passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Patterson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

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| Atlee. | Neal. |
| Burns. | Odell. |
| Davidson. | Patterson. |
| Dibrell. | Potter. |
| Greer. | Ross. |
| Hanger. | Sebastian. |
| James. | Stafford. |
| Kerr. | Terrell. |
| Linn. | Turney. |
| McGee. | Wayland. |
| Miller. | Yett. |

Nays—2.

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| Gough. | Lloyd. |
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Present—Not voting.

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| Grinnan. | Johnson. |
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Absent.

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Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

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| Atlee. | Miller. |
| Burns. | Neal. |
| Davidson. | Odell. |
| Dibrell. | Patterson. |
| Greer. | Potter. |
| Grinnan. | Ross. |
| Hanger. | Sebastian. |
| James. | Stafford. |
| Johnson. | Terrell. |
| Kerr. | Turney. |
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| McGee. | Yett. |

Nays—2.

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| Gough. | Lloyd. |
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Present—Not voting.

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Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 529, A bill to be entitled "An Act to change and fix the times of holding the terms of the district court of the Thirteenth Judicial District."

The bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Miller, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and

the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

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| Atlee. | McGee. |
| Burns. | Miller. |
| Davidson. | Neal. |
| Dibrell. | Odell. |
| Gough. | Patterson. |
| Greer. | Potter. |
| Hanger. | Ross. |
| James. | Sebastian. |
| Johnson. | Stafford. |
| Kerr. | Terrell. |
| Lewis. | Turney. |
| Linn. | Wayland. |
| Lloyd. | Yett. |

Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

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| Atlee. | Miller. |
| Burns. | Neal. |
| Davidson. | Odell. |
| Dibrell. | Patterson. |
| Gough. | Potter. |
| Greer. | Ross. |
| Hanger. | Sebastian. |
| James. | Stafford. |
| Johnson. | Terrell. |
| Kerr. | Turney. |
| Lloyd. | Wayland. |
| McGee. | Yett. |

Nays—1.

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| Grinnan. |
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Present—Not voting.

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| Linn. |
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Absent.

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| Lewis. |
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Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 571, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company to purchase, own and operate the railroad, including all the property, property rights, franchises and appurtenances of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company now existing, or that may hereafter be built or acquired by the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, and to authorize and empower the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company, in the name of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, to issue

bonds, secured by mortgage upon the railway, property rights and franchises of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, as said value may hereafter be ascertained and fixed by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and to regulate the reports of such property and the operation thereof, and to enable said corporation, the Gulf, Beaumont and Great Northern Railway Company, to build, construct and equip its proposed line, or lines, of railway, as provided in its charter, and for said purpose to raise money therefor."

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Greer, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

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| Atlee. | Lloyd. |
| Burns. | Miller. |
| Davidson. | Neal. |
| Dibrell. | Odell. |
| Gough. | Patterson. |
| Greer. | Ross. |
| Hanger. | Sebastian. |
| James. | Stafford. |
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| Kerr. | Yett. |
| Lewis. | |

Nays—3.

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| McGee. | Terrell. |
| Potter. | |

Present—Not voting.

Linn.

Absent.

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| Grinnan. | Wayland. |
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Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

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| Atlee. | Linn. |
| Burns. | Lloyd. |
| Davidson. | Miller. |
| Dibrell. | Neal. |
| Gough. | Odell. |
| Greer. | Patterson. |
| Hanger. | Ross. |
| James. | Sebastian. |
| Johnson. | Stafford. |
| Kerr. | Turney. |
| Lewis. | |

Nays—2.

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| McGee. | Potter. |
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Present—Not voting.
Terrell.

Absent.

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| Grinnan. | Wayland. |
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Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

Senator Greer moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

The Chair laid before the Senate,

House Concurrent Resolution No. 27, Relating to the death of the Hon. Peter Hansborough Bell, patriot, hero, soldier and ex-Governor of Texas, which occurred at his home at Littleton, North Carolina.

Resolution read and adopted.

Senator Dibrell moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 400 (see caption above) was passed.

Reconsidered.

Senator Dibrell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading.

Reconsidered.

Senator Dibrell then moved to reconsider the vote by which his amendment (see above) to House bill No. 400 was adopted.

Reconsidered.

Senator Dibrell then withdrew his amendment.

The bill was then passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Patterson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

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| Atlee. | Miller. |
| Burns. | Neal. |
| Dibrell. | Odell. |
| Gough. | Patterson. |
| Greer. | Potter. |
| Hanger. | Ross. |
| James. | Sebastian. |
| Johnson. | Stafford. |
| Kerr. | Terrell. |
| Lewis. | Turney. |
| Linn. | Yett. |
| McGee. | |

Absent.

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| Davidson. | Lloyd. |
| Grinnan. | Wayland. |

Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. | Stone. |
| Morriss. | Yantis. |

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

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| Atlee. | Linn. |
| Burns. | McGee. |
| Davidson. | Miller. |
| Dibrell. | Neal. |
| Gough. | Odell. |
| Greer. | Patterson. |
| Grinnan. | Potter. |
| Hanger. | Ross. |
| James. | Sebastian. |
| Johnson. | Stafford. |
| Kerr. | Turney. |
| Lewis. | Yett. |

Nays—1.

Lloyd.

Present—Not voting.

Terrell.

Absent.

Wayland.

Absent—Excused.

Goss.

Stone.

Morriss.

Yantis.

The Chair laid before the Senate, House Concurrent Resolution No. 31, Indorsing the position of Hon. Jos. W. Bailey of Texas, in the matter of his position in Congress on the subject of army officers holding seats as members of Congress.

The resolution was read, and Senator Lewis moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on State Affairs.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

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| Burns. | Lloyd. |
| Davidson. | Miller. |
| Dibrell. | Patterson. |
| Grinnan. | Sebastian. |
| Kerr. | Stafford. |
| Lewis. | Wayland. |
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Nays—14.

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| Atlee. | Neal. |
| Gough. | Odell. |
| Greer. | Potter. |
| Hanger. | Ross. |
| James. | Terrell. |
| Johnson. | Turney. |
| McGee. | Yett. |

Absent—Excused.

Goss.

Stone.

Morriss.

Yantis.

Senator Atlee offered to amend as follows:

"Add to resolution: 'Provided, this expression shall not be construed as in any degree a reflection upon the gallant and patriotic conduct and the heroism displayed by the Congressmen, referred

to in the resolution, in giving signal service to their country in time of trouble.'"

Adopted.

Senator Miller offered to amend as follows:

"Amend by adding the following: 'Provided, this resolution shall not be construed to express the sentiment of this Senate as to its preference for United States Senator in 1901.'"

Pending action, Senator Lewis moved to refer the resolution, and pending amendments, to the Committee on State Affairs.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

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| Burns. | Lewis. |
| Davidson. | Lloyd. |
| Dibrell. | Miller. |
| Grinnan. | Patterson. |
| Johnson. | Stafford. |
| Kerr. | Wayland. |

Nays—14.

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| Atlee. | Odell. |
| Gough. | Potter. |
| Greer. | Ross. |
| Hanger. | Sebastian. |
| James. | Terrell. |
| Linn. | Turney. |
| McGee. | Yett. |

Absent.

Neal.

Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. |
| Morriss. |

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| Stone. |
| Yantis. |

The amendment (Miller's) was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

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| Davidson. | Lloyd. |
| Dibrell. | Miller. |
| Grinnan. | Patterson. |
| James. | Sebastian. |
| Johnson. | Stafford. |
| Kerr. | Wayland. |

Nays—13.

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| Atlee. | McGee. |
| Burns. | Odell. |
| Gough. | Ross. |
| Greer. | Terrell. |
| Hanger. | Turney. |
| Lewis. | Yett. |
| Linn. | |

Present—Not voting.

Potter.

Absent.

Neal.

Absent—Excused.

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| Goss. |
| Morriss. |

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| Stone. |
| Yantis. |

The resolution was then adopted.

BILLS SIGNED.

The Chair gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read,

Senate bill No. 154, "An Act to authorize the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas, to acquire by purchase or lease the railroad of the Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway Company, extending from the city of McKinney, in Collin county, to the city of Jefferson, in Marion county, and any extension thereof from said city of Jefferson to the eastern line of Texas, in the direction of Shreveport, Louisiana, together with the property and franchises pertaining thereto, and to own, operate and maintain the same as part of its line, with the right to extend the same and to construct branches therefrom by amendment of its charter under the General Laws of the State of Texas, and investing said companies and each of them with the power to make and execute all necessary contracts, agreements and conveyances to effect such sale or lease; also to authorize the said The Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway Company before such sale or lease, or the said The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas, after such sale or lease, when the said railway so to be purchased or leased, has been extended from the city of Jefferson to the eastern line of the State of Texas in the direction of Shreveport, Louisiana, to connect with any railway extending to said city of Shreveport, and to acquire from the owner or owners of such line of railway in the State of Louisiana, by lease, trackage or running rights agreement, the use of such line to the said city of Shreveport; and further, to authorize the said The Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway Company, before such sale or lease, or the said The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas, after such sale or lease, to acquire necessary terminal facilities in the said city of Shreveport."

Senate bill No. 47, "An Act to create and maintain a more efficient public road system for Cass county."

Senate bill No. 114, "An Act to amend Articles 3862, 3863 and 3866, Revised Civil Statutes, relating to the government of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas."

Senate bill No. 34, "An Act to require city and county treasurers to report condition of interest and sinking fund to the State Comptroller; to prohibit them from diverting said funds, and providing penalties."

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following message from the House was received.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, March 8, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

House bill No. 441, A bill to be entitled "An Act to transfer Rains and Grimes counties from the community school system, and to authorize and empower the said counties to organize and conduct all of their free schools under the district system as provided by the laws now in force."

Also House bill No. 386, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Section 2, Chapter 153, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, page 219, passed May 21, 1897, entitled 'An Act to prohibit the taking of fish from the fresh water lakes and streams of this State, otherwise than by the ordinary hook and line and trot line, and to prohibit the sale or shipping of game-fish in the State, and to provide penalties for the violations thereof.'"

Also Substitute House bill No. 523, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains, ditches and water courses, for the improvement and enlargement of natural drainage of the several counties within the State of Texas," with amendment.

Also that the House herewith returns Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7, as requested by the Senate.

Respectfully,

JOS. J. HENDERSON,
Acting Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Senator Kerr moved to adjourn until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Adjourned by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

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| Atlee. | McGee. |
| Dibrell. | Neal. |
| Hanger. | Odell. |
| Johnson. | Patterson. |
| Kerr. | Sebastian. |
| Linn. | Turney. |
| Lloyd. | Wayland. |

Nays—12.

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| Burns. | Lewis. |
| Davidson. | Miller. |
| Gough. | Potter. |
| Greer. | Ross. |
| Grinnan. | Terrell. |
| James. | Yett. |

Absent.
 Stafford.
 Absent—Excused.
 Goss. Stone.
 Morriss. Yantis.

FORTY-SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,
 Austin, Texas, Thursday, March 9, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
 President Pro Tem. Stafford in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

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| Atlee. | Miller. |
| Burns. | Neal. |
| Davidson. | Odell. |
| Dibrell. | Patterson. |
| Gough. | Potter. |
| Greer. | Ross. |
| Grinnan. | Sebastian. |
| Hanger. | Stafford. |
| James. | Terrell. |
| Kerr. | Turney. |
| Lewis. | Wayland. |
| Linn. | Yantis. |
| Lloyd. | Yett. |
| McGee. | |

Absent.
 Johnson.
 Absent—Excused..
 Goss. Stone.
 Morriss.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Den-son.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Kerr, the same was dispensed with.

CORRECTION.

MR. PRESIDENT: Yesterday morning's Journal, on page 398, shows that when the Senator from Jefferson offered his amendment yesterday placing the Agricultural and Mechanical College under the provisions of the State Purchasing Agency bill we voted "yea"; this is an error, as we voted "nay." We desire to have the correction made in the Journal.

WAYLAND,
 TURNEY.

RESOLUTION.

By unanimous consent the following was offered

By Senator Atlee:
 Whereas, The Honorable Guadalupe Mainero, Governor of the State of Ta-
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maulipas, is now visiting our Capital City, therefore be it

Resolved, That the distinguished gentleman be invited to honor the Senate of Texas with his presence during their deliberations.

On motion of Senator Turney, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

INVITATION.

At the direction of the Chair, the following was read:

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1899.

Hon. J. N. Browning, Lieutenant-Governor of Texas.

SIR: Will you please invite the honorable Senate of Texas to be present in the University Auditorium at 11 o'clock this morning on the occasion of an address before the students of the University by the Hon. Wm. J. Bryan.

I have the honor to be very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
 GEO. T. WINSTON,
 President.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
 Austin, Texas, March 8, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 232, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of repaying and restoring to the United States Government an excess of money that was, under mistake, paid to the State of Texas in the payment of a balance due this State under an act of Congress, approved February 28th, 1855,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

ROSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
 Austin, Texas, March 7, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 172, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to create the office of State Purchasing Agent for the various eleemosynary institutions of the State of Texas, to define his duties, term of office, mode of qualification and compensation, to abolish the office or position